

the Department of Commerce. That agency has the responsibility for insuring that the United States possesses a merchant marine adequate to meet our economic and military requirements for an American-flag merchant marine. It has served us well.

That the American people might be constantly reminded of the importance of the merchant marine in our national life, the Congress in 1933 designated May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually calling for the observance of that day. On that day in 1819 the SS *Savannah* set forth for the first transoceanic voyage of any steamship.

48 Stat. 73.
36 USC 145.

Maritime Day should serve to remind all Americans that the maintenance of our merchant marine cannot be left to the Government alone, and that our fleet must ultimately be supported by Americans who ship their cargo on American ships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American Merchant Marine on Saturday, May 22, 1965, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day in tribute to the American Merchant Marine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-five, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-ninth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3647

WORLD TRADE WEEK, 1965

By the President of the United States of America

March 24, 1965

A Proclamation

WHEREAS the vigorous growth of our reciprocal trade with nations around the world advances the attainment of a more abundant life for every American; and

WHEREAS the continued expansion of the international exchange of the products of people's labors is mutually profitable to all trading nations and builds greater good will among them; and

WHEREAS we are working together with other nations to enlarge the opportunities for global marketing, by both developed and developing countries, through reciprocal reduction of trade barriers in the Kennedy Round of multilateral trade negotiations; and

WHEREAS more and more American businessmen are engaging in trade with overseas businessmen; and

WHEREAS American export progress, serving as an inspiring illustration of the strength of our private enterprise, encourages businessmen throughout the United States to seek new opportunities in the world's growing markets; and

WHEREAS American products, by their quality and variety, offer witness to the vigor and creativity of our economy in all parts of the world; and

WHEREAS it is essential that we continue to expand our export trade, so that we may further improve our international balance of payments, accelerate the progress of our advancing American industry, and increase the employment of American workers:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 16, 1965, as World Trade Week; and I request the appropriate Federal, State, and local officials to cooperate in the observance of that week.

I also urge business, labor, agricultural, educational, professional, and civic groups, as well as the people of the United States generally, to observe World Trade Week with gatherings, discussions, exhibits, ceremonies, and other appropriate activities designed to promote continuing awareness of the importance of world trade to our economy and our relations with other nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3648

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK, 1965

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS small business has through our history contributed to our cherished system of free, competitive enterprise; and

WHEREAS the Nation's 4.7 million small businesses:

- include nine of every ten businesses that supply the needs and wants of the American people;
- provide more than a third of the Nation's goods and services;
- contribute significantly to the well-being of our citizens, to the defense of freedom, and to the exploration of new scientific frontiers; and

WHEREAS small business concerns, by continuing to grow in number and strength, will provide additional jobs needed by a growing Nation; and

WHEREAS small business holds open the door of opportunity for men and women of all races and creeds; and

WHEREAS small business is a source of new ideas, new methods, and new products which enrich the lives of our citizens and stimulate our economic growth; and

March 24, 1965